GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Fake Forestation
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints of fake forestation from any State including Uttar Pradesh;
(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount of funds involved therein, State-wise; and
(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (c)The Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change has received no complaint of fake forestation from any State including Uttar Pradesh. However, a case of mis-appropriation of about Rs. 2 crores of central grant released during 2012-13 for 800 hectares of plantation of 'Herbs and Shrubs of Medicinal Value' in Munnar Forest Division of Kerala under National Afforestation Programme, has come to the notice of the Ministry. The matter has been inquired/investigated by the Vigilance Wing of the Kerala State Forest Department (KSFD) and the Ministry has directed KSFD to hand over the case to State Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) to take further legal action against the accused officials and recovery of mis-appropriated central fund.

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